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REMARKS:

The allowance of claims 1-5 is acknowledged with appreciation, as well as the indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 9-12 and 18-20. Claims 9 and 18 have now been written into independent format.

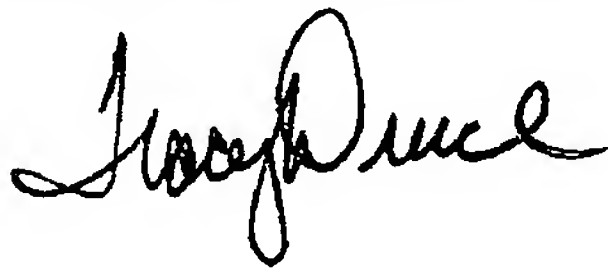
Claims 6 and 16 have been amended to clarify that the biasing mechanism acts between the gear rims solely utilizing abutting engagement. This feature is not shown in any reference of record; and more particularly, Pundt, which the Office has used in the assertion of obviousness against Applicant's spring biasing mechanism discloses pinned pivoting connections which would not operate if configured as Applicant presently recites. Therefore, claims 6 and 16 are respectfully urged as being allowable, as are all claims that depended therefrom.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, Order No. 7589.126.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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